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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

NOZAKI ET AL.

Examiner

David M. Naff

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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### DETAILED ACTION

The final rejection of 7/3/07 is withdrawn, and prosecution on the merits is reopened in view of new prior art applied.

A response of 9/24/07 presented arguments, and did not amend the claims.

Claims examined on the merits are 3 and 11, which are all claims in the application.

#### *Specification*

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the description of Figure 1 (bridging pages 3 and 4) does not define S1 and S2 contained by Figure 1.

Appropriate correction is required.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 3 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nozaki et al (Luminescence 2000) (newly applied).

The claims are drawn to a device for determining hydrogen peroxide in body fluid. The device contains a first mobile phase passage containing a chromatography pump and an auto-sampler, a second mobile phase passage containing a chromatography pump, a flow passage

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which joins the first and second mobile phase passages, and a chemilumimometer connected to the flow passage. The chemiluminometer contains a flow cell in which a horseradish peroxidase immobilized stationary phase is packed.

Nozaki et al disclose determination of hydrogen peroxide by micro-flow injection-chemiluminescence using a coupled flow cell reactor chemiluminometer. Figure 2 (page 139) of Nozaki et al shows a flow injection-chemiluminescence system that is the same as the device shown by Figure 1 of the present specification. See Nozaki et al, paragraph bridging pages 138 and 139, and page 139, left column, under "Assay of  $H_2O_2$ ", where Figure 2 is described. The system shown by Figure 2 of Nozaki et al for hydrogen peroxide determination is the same as the device presently claimed for hydrogen peroxide determination. The body fluid, solution of imidazoles and alkaline buffer, and reaction required in last four lines of claim 3 are involved in a process of using the claimed device, and do not make the claimed device different from the system disclosed by Nozaki et al. The system disclosed by Nozaki et al is inherently capable of performing a process requiring a body fluid, solution of imidazoles and alkaline buffer, and reaction as required by the present claims.

While the authors of Nozaki et al are the inventors of the present invention, Nozaki et al is a statutory bar due to being published more than one year before filing the present application.

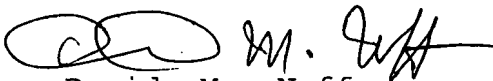
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**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M. Naff whose telephone number is 571-272-0920. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon Weber can be reached on 571-272-0925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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